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## Ridgway enacts updates to landscape regulations

Ridgway, CO – The Town of Ridgway now has a new set of landscape regulations. Last month, the Ridgway Town Council approved an ordinance amending the landscape regulations to encourage water conservation and require low water usage landscaping or xeriscaping. Not only do the updates address water conservation but they promote flexibility and provide consistency and clarity for community members in understanding their property requirements. The new regulations apply to:



- Projects which require a site plan review
- New commercial, residential, or mixed-use construction
- New landscape projects and rehabilitation projects that exceed 25% of the lot size
- Change of use
- Public rights-of-way improvements

The approval of the ordinance last month represented the culmination of nearly two years of efforts dating back to 2019. Implementation of these new regulations will fulfill the recommendation identified in the Town of Ridgway Master Plan related to updating the “Town’s landscaping regulations to require low water usage landscaping or xeriscaping.”

The process was comprehensive and collaborative, including research on landscaping requirements in nearby jurisdictions and a number of discussions with the Ridgway Planning Commission and stakeholders, including residents, contractors, and landscape architects. Based on the research and input garnered, a set of draft amendments to the landscape regulations were presented to the Planning Commission on two separate occasions. After thoughtful comments and feedback, the regulations were modified and eventually made their way to the Town Council, where they were approved through two readings of an ordinance and a public hearing.

To check out the new landscape regulations, click [HERE](#). For questions or more information, contact Preston Neill, Town Manager, at 970-318-0081 or [pneill@town.ridgway.co.us](mailto:pneill@town.ridgway.co.us).

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